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# WASHINGTON GRASS & LEGUME SEED CROPS

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Dear Seed Grower or Handler:

The Washington Agricultural Statistics Service conducts surveys of grass and legume seed growers and handlers yearly. These annual surveys are conducted to document the quantity and value of these regionally important crops. Approximately three hundred fifty growers and handlers throughout Washington State were contacted in regard to these surveys. Your response was greatly appreciated, and helps to establish the significant role these crops play in our state's agricultural economy.

Sincerely,

Ray Garibay  
Director

## GRASS & LEGUME SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION, PRICE, & VALUE

Crop & Year	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Average Price Per Cwt.	Value of Production
	Acres	Pounds	Cwt.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>Alfalfa Seed</b>					
2000	17,000	790	135,000	125.00	16,875
2001	14,500	790	115,000	120.00	13,800
2002	14,000	850	119,000	120.00	14,280
2003	12,500	820	102,000	130.00	13,260
<b>2004</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>107,000</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>11,770</b>
<b>Kentucky Bluegrass</b>					
2000	57,000	570	323,000	80.00	25,840
2001	50,000	610	305,000	75.00	22,875
2002	48,500	600	291,000	65.00	18,915
2003	42,000	650	275,000	75.00	20,625
<b>2004</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>28,000</b>
<b>Other Grass 1/</b>					
2000	9,000	670	60,000	70.00	4,200
2001	10,500	570	60,000	65.00	3,900
2002	15,000	790	118,000	50.00	5,900
2003	16,000	720	115,000	60.00	6,900
<b>2004</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>State Total</b>					
2000	83,000	624	518,000	91.00	46,915
2001	75,000	640	480,000	85.00	40,575
2002	77,500	681	528,000	74.00	39,095
2003	70,500	698	492,000	83.00	40,785
<b>2004</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>577,000</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>48,770</b>

1/ Includes Red Clover.

# GRASS AND LEGUME SEEDS: BY COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, 2003-2004

Crop & County	2003			2004		
	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production
	Acres	Pounds	Cwt.	Acres	Pounds	Cwt.
<b>Alfalfa Seed</b>						
Franklin	700	790	5,500	500	700	3,500
Grant	4,500	780	35,000	4,500	800	36,000
Walla Walla	6,000	890	53,500	7,000	910	63,500
Other Counties	1,300	620	8,000	500	800	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>102,000</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>107,000</b>
<b>Kentucky Bluegrass</b>						
Adams	2,900	830	24,000	4,000	950	38,000
Franklin	6,100	1,000	61,000	7,500	930	70,000
Garfield	2,000	550	11,000	2,000	450	9,000
Spokane	19,500	460	90,000	20,000	570	114,500
Whitman	3,000	500	15,000	2,000	480	9,500
Other Counties	8,500	871	74,000	11,500	950	109,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>350,000</b>
<b>Other Grass Seeds</b>						
Franklin	5,000	740	37,000	3,000	830	25,000
Spokane	1,000	500	5,000	1/	1/	1/
Other Counties	10,000	730	73,000	11,000	870	95,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>120,000</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>70,500</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>492,000</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>577,000</b>

1/ Included in "Other Counties" to avoid disclosure.